



## **Ralph Butterfield Primary School – How do we teach Music?**

### **Music Intent**

At Ralph Butterfield Primary School we aim to engage, motivate and inspire all pupils to develop a love of music in order to increase their self-confidence and creativity. We recognise that music is a unique way of communicating and that it can play an important part in developing pupils' personal expression and cognitive skills.

Our music curriculum is based on the musical strands of singing, rhythm, listening and appraising, composing and improvising, and notation.

We aim to give all learners the opportunity to:

- sing confidently in different sized groups, paying attention to sound quality, intonation (tuning), diction, expression and ensemble skills.
- play, sing and move with a steady pulse and an accurate rhythmic sense.
- listen and comment critically to sounds, songs, and pieces of music across a range of styles and periods, including their own compositions and performances.
- explore, create, improve and evaluate their own compositions and improvisations using sounds, instruments, ensembles and technology.
- use graphic, rhythmic and pitched notation to play and create music.

Alongside these strands, the musical elements of pitch, dynamics, tempo, duration, timbre and texture underpin all teaching of music.

In addition, pupils will also:

- Have the opportunity to learn the recorder in Year 2.
- Have the opportunity to learn a brass, woodwind and string instrument during Year 4.
- Be exposed to high quality live music from visiting musicians and students.
- Take part in school performances such as Harvest Festivals, Nativities, Lower Junior Pantomimes and Upper Junior Productions.
- Have the opportunity to perform in concerts in the wider community.